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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §114, of the above-identified application.

The RCE fee of \$810.00 (\$810 - large entity/\$405 = small entity) and any extension/suspension fee, is submitted herewith.

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If checked, suspension of action is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (3 maximum). A petition fee in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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